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YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 23, 2007

Medicine Hat – Curbside pickup of residential yard waste begins Monday, April 23, 2007.

All yard waste should be placed separate from household waste on your regular collection day. Separating yard waste from garbage not only helps the environment but it helps to save valuable landfill space too.

Acceptable yard waste items include grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, and pruning debris. Twigs, branches, brush and pruning debris must be tied with heavy biodegradable string or twine into bundles no longer than 1.2 metres in length (four feet), and weighing no more than 25 kilograms (55 pounds).

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in compostable paper yard waste bags or 77 litre reusable containers with sturdy handles marked "For Composting." Stickers for reusable containers are available at Environmental Utilities, City Hall and the City Landfill/Compost site office.

Yard waste can also be dropped off at no charge at the City's Compost Facility located at the Residuals Handling Facility (landfill) approximately three kilometres off Highway 41A, just past the city limits. The yard waste collected is taken to the City's Compost Facility and recycled which reduces the volume of refuse buried at the landfill.

For more information on any of the City of Medicine Hat Waste Management programs, please call the Environmental Utilities Department at 529-8176, or visit the City's web site at www.medicinehat.ca

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